Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): That may also incidentally come.

Mr. President: The answer to the motion is obvious then. It is not in order.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): At least will the Government be pleased to sympathetically consider the question?

Mr. President: Hon'ble members are aware that all of us are spending a lot of sympathy on that subject now. (*Laughter*).

2. Leakage of question papers in the recent Public examinations.

Mr. President: There is another motion for adjournment from Mr. M. L. Joseph "to discuss the repercussions on the Education Department, on the student population and on the public in general of the recent occurrence of the question paper for the S. S. L. C. and the III Form Public examinations having been out before the examination date." What is this about?

Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Some of the question papers for the S. S. L. C. and III Form Public examinations have leaked out before their due date and much dislocation and trouble has been caused thereby. Therefore it is necessary that steps should be taken to eradicate any weakness that has crept in in the matter of printing the question papers.

Mr. President: Has the Director got to say anything about it?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There were some anonymous petitions received by me during the course of this session of the Council. Immediately enquiries were set on foot and from all the different centres it was discovered that the report about the III Form Public examinations was utterly false. With regard to the S. S. L. C. examinations in regard to one paper there was some ground for suspicion. Therefore a new paper was set, the programme was re-notified, and the candidates are sitting for the examination, so that I think no public interest has been jeopardised.

Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): My object in bringing this motion is to move for an adjournment of the House to have a discussion on this uncommon occurrence that has taken place and the causes that led to such an occurrence. I want to bring to the attention of the department and the Government this fact so as to avoid such things occurring in future.

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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Mr. President: I do not think this is a matter of public importance at all. If it is the intention of the hon'ble member to draw the attention of the department to such leakages of question papers, I do not think that is a matter of urgency to warrant the adjournment of the House. The motion is out of order.

The House will now resume discussion on Mr. Iyyu's Cochin Income-tax Act Amendment Bill.

The Cochin Income=tax Act Amendment Bill.—(*cont.*)

***Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): I was really, Sir, at a loss to appreciate the point brought to the notice of this Hon'ble House by the hon'ble members for Adoor and Mulakunnathukavu that so long as you have not got responsible Government a Bill of this kind from a non-official side is not justified. I only wish to make a few observations on this point. Here is the question of responsible Government and the position is if we have got full responsible Government then only the moment will arise when a non-official member can bring in a Bill asking for super-tax. I ask where is the standard of responsibility? I ask a very definite question whether in the Madras or any other British Indian Legislative Assembly where we have got a kind of responsible Government, this kind of legislation asking for super-tax can be brought forward by a non-official member of the House?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): I again put a very humble suggestion whether according to them a member of the British Parliament can bring in a Bill asking for taxation?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): In other words, I ask just for information, is there any system in the whole world wherein a non-official member can bring in measures of taxation?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): There has been no instance, to my knowledge.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Is it your view that in no Legislative Council a non-official can bring in a Bill asking for taxation? Then that is a peculiar position to take up which any member who has got a public conscience and who is getting himself aware of the facts and politics around them will never concede.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Without interruption, what I said was that there has been no such instance.

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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